



NOTICE

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TO: Distribution
FROM: Development Services Department, Landscape Review
SUBJECT: Emergency Regulations Adopted in the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code

In response to the Governor's Executive Order regarding water conservation and the continued State of Emergency due to severe drought conditions, emergency regulations were adopted in the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, Part 11, Title 24, California Code of Regulations and approved by the California Building Standards Commission. The regulations pertain to outdoor landscaped areas for new construction and reduction of potable water use.

A water budget shall be developed for landscape irrigation use that conforms to the local water efficient landscape ordinance or to the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO), whichever is more effective in conserving water. Currently, the City of San Diego's Landscape Regulations are the more rigorous regulation, with the exception of the emergency regulatory changes to the Evapotranspiration Adjustment Factor (ETAF) and Special Landscape Area (SLA) allowance.

Effective immediately, in compliance with these emergency regulations, and until the next update of the MWELO by DWR, when calculating the water budget for the landscape area of projects subject to this regulation, the following factors shall be used:

1. ETAF = 0.55
2. SLA = 0.45 (The resulting total ETAF for SLA shall be 1.0)

Old Formula: $(ET_o)(0.62) [(0.7)(LA) + (0.3)(SLA)]$

New Formula: $(ET_o)(0.62) [(0.55)(LA) + (0.45)(SLA)]$

For more information please refer to the Landscape Regulations at the following link:

<http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art02Division04.pdf>